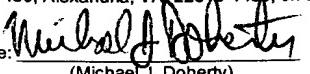




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In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.